

# SENEGALESE BOOKS MAY PROVE A BIG SEASON AHEAD FOR SAM LANGFORD

## SENEGALESE BOOKS MUCH LIKE TARBABY

Carpentier's Conqueror Has Yet to Show the Pugilistic Ability of the Bostonian.

## WAS TERRIFIC PUNCHER

Sidestepped by Two Champions, Burns and Johnson—Langford Lost Chance.

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A survey of the physical proportions of Battling Siki, as disclosed by his latest photographs, recalls the stumpy figure of Sam Langford, the Tar Baby, in the days when nearly all white heavyweights and one of his own race drew the color line. Siki has the flat nose and spreading nostrils of Langford, and resembles him in general build. Should Siki, as the result of future contests with better heavyweights than Carpentier, prove to be a second Langford in pugilistic ability, it would mean sorrow and tribulation for a majority of the heavyweights who are waiting for Dempsey to retire undefeated.

It might also present a challenger who would have at least an even chance against the present champion. The desirable conditions naturally hinge on what Siki does when he faces real fighters in the ring.

If the Senegalese comes to America and in convincing manner defeats Willis Mike, Brennan and others of that class it will be accepted as proof that a worthy contender for Dempsey's crown has been discovered.

## Burns Ran Away from Langford.

At the same time it would be asking a great deal of Siki to duplicate the performances of Langford. This Nova Scotia negro, who stood 5 feet 6½ inches tall, and in his best form never weighed more than 165 or 170 pounds, would unquestionably be a contender for the world's title. Langford, who was a heavy champion, had not rushed for a cyclone cellar every time he caught sight of Langford.

Following the retirement from the ring of Jeffries in 1905, which left both the world and American titles open to competition, a cluster of mediocre heavyweights started an elimination competition to determine which should claim the title of American champion. The contenders included Tommy Burns, a Canadian who had settled in the United States; Marvin Hart of Kentucky; Philadelphia Jack O'Brien; Hugo Koller; Tommy Ryan; and Jack (Twins) Sullivan. Dave Barry and Jim Flynn.

Langford, who was in an application for membership but was not admitted, was defeated all the other white contenders, claimed the American title and got a leg on the world's championship by knocking out Bill Squires, the heavy champion of Australia. Burns reestablished the world's title relinquished by Jeffries by knocking out Londoner, who was a champion, in 1907, knocking out Gunner Moir, British champion, in ten rounds. At this time Langford was in top form and would have stopped Burns in five or six rounds.

Burns after winning from Moir went to Australia, where he became a pugilistic idol.

## Johnson Escapes from Langford.

About this time Sam Fitzpatrick, who had rescued Jack Johnson from the 16, 20, 30 boxing class, decided to take the big black champion to England, and the big fight between the two was arranged. Yet, in order to get the London club's permission to postpone his match with Langford Johnson was required to sign an agreement by the terms of which he was to return to England and fight Langford as soon as he finished his engagement with Burns. The agreement had been framed by the London club, but that is all the organization received from Johnson. He never went back to England, but headed for the Pacific coast. Previous to sailing for the United States Johnson gave evidence of a spirit of ingratitude by summarily dismissing Fitzpatrick as manager. Fitzpatrick had through his influence with promoters put Johnson in a position to earn thousands, where previously the black had been glad to get his share of the prize money. Johnson, who insisted after Johnson's victory over Burns that the new champion keep his engagement with Langford.

## Avoided Langford's Wallop.

There is not a shadow of doubt as to Johnson's reason for sidestepping Langford. Johnson did not propose to risk his newly acquired championship to a terrific hitler as Langford was at that time. In fact Johnson consistently ignored Langford from that time forward, and both are now in the pugilistic discard.

Johnson and Langford met once in the ring. They boxed fifteen rounds at Chelsea Mass. April 28, 1906, and Johnson, who was outboxed by Langford, was knocked out by a right hander. Johnson, who was a heavy champion, had not rushed for a cyclone cellar every time he caught sight of Langford.

## Siki's Plans Announced.

PARIS, Sept. 30 (Associated Press).—Manager Hellera, who has been negotiating with American fight promoters for a match for his charge, Battling Siki, the Senegalese, who defeated George Carpentier, announced to the French public to-day the confirmation of newspaper dispatches that the Senegalese champion would meet an American fighter for the light heavyweight championship of the world in New York on November 30. He further announced that should Siki win he would meet Dempsey in June of next year. He added that before going to America Siki would give exhibitions in England for six weeks at 30,000 francs a week.

## THE NEW CONSERVATION PICTURE.

The immediate popularity of the new conservation picture "Working Together For Conservation," which tells the story of the slaying of the great American fish, the bluefish, by the light heavyweight champion of the world in New York on November 30. He further announced that should Siki win he would meet Dempsey in June of next year. He added that before going to America Siki would give exhibitions in England for six weeks at 30,000 francs a week.

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